

**REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> MAY 2008 AT OLD MILL HALL, GROVE**

Present: Cllr J M Stock (Chairman) Cllr A Harker  
Cllr H Webb (Vice-Chairman) Cllr M Mellersh  
Cllr J Amys Cllr F D Parnell  
Cllr S K Dexter Cllr B A Williamson  
Cllr W Evans Cllr I Woodbridge  
Cllr P L Hadcroft

In attendance: 5 members of the public

Clerk: Mrs C J Parry

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr W R Ackers.

**2 Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting**

Cllr Woodbridge declared a personal interest in GRO/17170/1.

**3 Election of committee chairman**

It was **MOVED** Cllr Parnell, **SECONDED** Cllr P Hadcroft that Cllr Stock be re-elected Committee Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Stock was re-elected Committee Chairman.

**4 Election of committee vice-chairman**

It was **MOVED** the Chairman, **SECONDED** Cllr Mellersh that Cllr Webb be elected Committee Vice-Chairman. There being no other nominations, Cllr Webb was elected Committee Vice-Chairman.

**5 Report of committee meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

It was **MOVED** the chairman and **RESOLVED** unanimously.....

“...that the report be signed as a true record of the meeting.”

**6 Matters arising from previous meeting**

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

**7 Planning applications considered**

**GRO/10498/12-LB POPLARS FARMHOUSE, DENCHWORTH ROAD**  
Gable renewal to ground floor room following the permitted demolition of a flat roof extension. Insertion of a pair of French doors

Comment: No objection.

**GRO/17170/1 1 MEADOW CLOSE**  
Demolition of existing single storey conservatory. Alterations to existing single storey extension to create a two storey rear extension with single storey annex

Comment: No objection.

**GRO/19810/1**                      **1 LETCOMBE WALK**  
 Proposed new two metre high fence to the front and part side boundary

Comment:                      No objection.

**GRO/19964/1**                      **33 GLEBE GARDENS**  
 Erection of side and rear extensions and conversion of existing dwelling into two flats

Comment:                      Six letters of objection were noted.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow members of the public to speak.

We strongly object to the proposals on the following grounds.

- Over-development of the site.
- The proposed extension would encroach too near the footway.
- Off-street parking is insufficient for the two flats.
- A precedent would be set if this application was allowed

Councillors have concerns regarding the additional burden these proposals would have on the foul drainage system, considering that problems already exist in this area. It should be noted that a mature tree was removed when the previous application was submitted thus pre-empting the decision.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

**GRO/20495-X**                      **LAND NORTH OF BELLINGER'S GARAGE, STATION ROAD**  
 Outline application for mixed-use Class B1 development, open space and playing fields with associated changing and car parking facilities

Comment:                      Cllr Harker was thanked for his environmental report on this application, which was to be passed to the district council along with the committee's comments.

Grove Parish Council has long held a desire for more employment opportunities in Grove – a desire often conveyed to planning officers. Therefore we strongly support this application in principle as it meets the Local Plan's deficit in employment sites for Grove.

It has been suggested that part of the northern link road could be constructed ahead of schedule to facilitate access into the site and eliminate the need for an additional access point from the A338.

Councillors believed that if outline permission was granted, the council should be pro-active in providing its requirements for the pitch areas and associated infrastructure.

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**GRO/20515**                      **24 MEMBURY WAY**  
**(Retrospective)**                      Erection of steel railings

Comment:                      No objection.

**6 Decision notices**

Permitted: GRO/2685/5, GRO/3403/13, GRO/3403/14, GRO/5239/1,  
GRO/13203/5, GRO/20435, GRO/20457, GRO/20466, GRO/20484.

Refused: GRO/1280/14-X.

Appeals: The appeal for GRO/19921/1 regarding land adjacent to Willow  
Cottage, Main Street, was dismissed.

**7 Communications**

There were no communications.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.

Confirmed 10<sup>th</sup> June 2008

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Chairman